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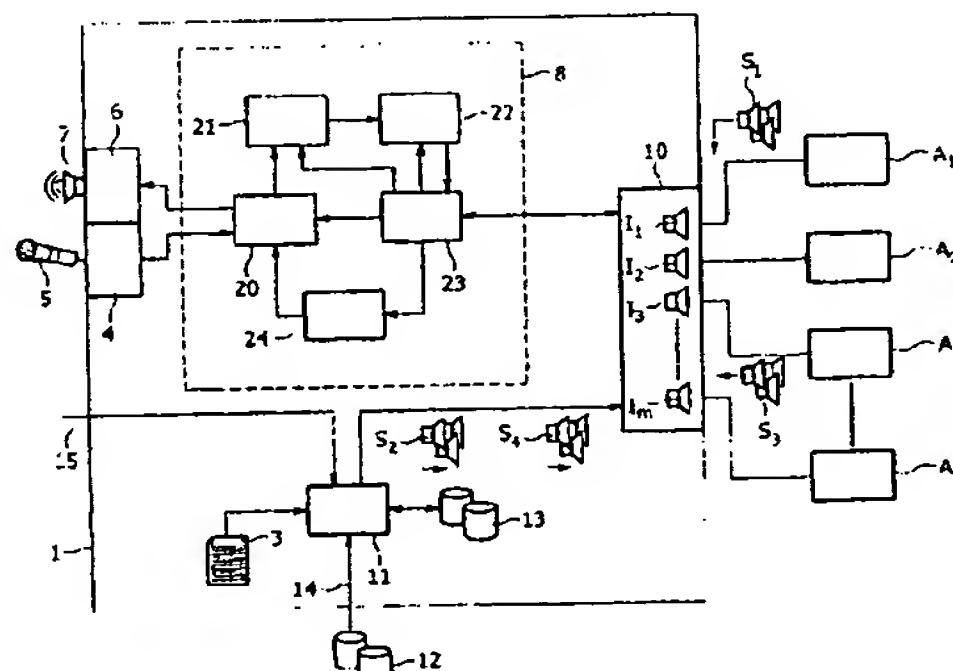
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(54) Title: A METHOD FOR DRIVING MULTIPLE APPLICATIONS BY A COMMON DIALOG MANAGEMENT SYSTEM



(57) Abstract: The invention describes a method for driving multiple applications (A₁, A₂, A₃, ..., A_n) by a common dialog management system (1). Therein, a unique set of auditory icons (S₁, S₂, S₃, ..., S_n) is assigned to each application (A₁, A₂, A₃, ..., A_n). The common dialog management system (1) informs a user of the status of an application (A₁, A₂, A₃, ..., A_n) by playback, at a specific point in a dialog flow, of a relevant auditory icon (I₁, I₂, I₃, ..., I_n) selected from the unique set of auditory icons (S₁, S₂, S₃, ..., S_n) of the respective application (A₁, A₂, A₃, ..., A_n). Moreover the invention describes a dialog management system comprising an input detection arrangement (4) for detecting user input (5) to the system, a sound output arrangement (6) for outputting audible sound (7), an application interface (10) for communication between the dialog management system (1) and the applications (A₁, A₂, A₃, ..., A_n), a source of unique sets of auditory icons (S₁, S₂, S₃, ..., S_n) assigned to the applications (A₁, A₂, A₃, ..., A_n), and an auditory icon management unit (11) for selecting relevant auditory icons (I₁, I₂, I₃, ..., I_n) corresponding to the applications (A₁, A₂, A₃, ..., A_n) for playback at specific points in the dialog flow.

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